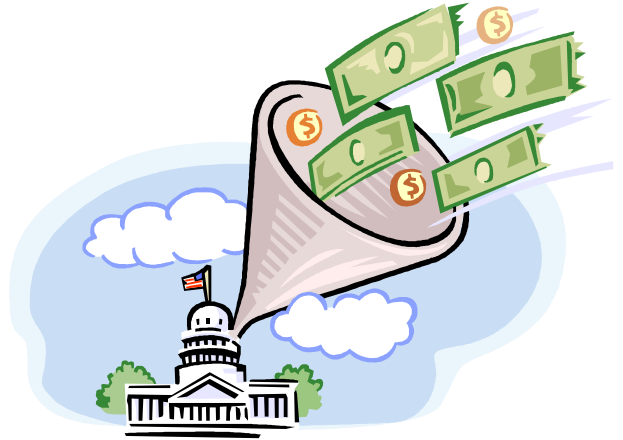




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Dear Kitchen Cabinet members,

Day four of the 2010 special session has come and gone and more bad bills have been approved by the Senate. Also, the total cost of this special session has been revised to reflect the fact that I, along with many of my colleagues, are refusing to take pay during the time we're down here. Instead of the original estimate of just under \$20 thousand each day, the new estimate is closer to \$14 thousand each day. ***I feel better already.***



One of the bills we passed today had to do with various boards and commissions that the state funds. There are currently around 240 of these, and [HB 2617](#) would combine or get rid of about 40 of them. Here are a few that the Senate, in its supreme effort to save the state, has decided are **too important to do away with**:

- The Women's History Consortium and its Board of Advisors
- The Migratory Waterfowl Art Committee
- The Athletic Training Committee
- The Orthopedic and Prosthetic Advisory Committee

The Senate did, however, have the grand wisdom to get rid of the Title and Registration Advisory Committee, which oversees vehicle subagents and other licensing matters. **I hope you're catching my sarcasm, because I'm laying it on pretty thick.**

Another bad bill the Senate passed is [SB 6870](#), which deals with the containment costs for sexually violent predators. This measure has two provisions, one which would reduce the number of

mental health professionals assigned to residents at the state Special Commitment Center, and the other to remove all minimum staffing requirements at the halfway houses for sexually violent predators on McNeil Island and south of downtown Seattle.

While I agree with the reduction in mental health professionals at the SCC (how many shrinks does one sexual psychopath need?), I certainly don't want to see staff reduced at the halfway houses. There are only seven staff members at the Seattle location as it is, and that's over a 24-hour period. **These people are considered so dangerous that the Seattle halfway house has a 16-foot fence topped with razorwire.** Fortunately, I have good word from a colleague in the House of Representatives that they are also interested in removing the portion of the bill that reduces staffing at the halfway houses.

We'll be back in session again tomorrow at 10 a.m., so I'll keep you posted on how things progress. **If you'd like to keep track of how much of your money the Legislature is wasting, please visit www.SenateRepublicans.wa.gov.**



In closing...

If you know someone in our district who might be interested in receiving these updates, please feel free to forward this e-mail to him or her. You can always find information online by visiting my website at www.SenateRepublicans.wa.gov/Carrell.



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